

Serial No. 09/994,618  
Amendment dated November 19, 2003  
In reply to the Office Action of August 21, 2003

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The Office Action dated August 21, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

In view of the foregoing amendments, and following representations, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Examiner Estrada is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-8, 9-15, 17, 23, and 24-41.

Reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

To overcome the rejection of claims 1-4 as being taught by U.S. Patent No. 6,545,216 to Bell et al., the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer has been filed.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3, and 4 has been overcome.

New claim 42, which depends from claim 40, is submitted to be allowable owing to its dependence on allowable claim 40.

Likewise, new claim 43, which depends from allowable claim 3, is submitted to be allowable.

To overcome the rejection of claims 18-22, as being taught by U.S. Patent 6,291,768 to Reiker, independent claim 18 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 23.

Claims 19-22 depend from allowable amended claim 18 and are submitted to be allowable therewith.

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In summary, the application is submitted to be in condition for allowance with claim 1-15, 17-21, 24-36, and 37-43.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 24, 28, 32, 37, and 40 are in independent form.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

It is believed that no additional fee is due for this submission. Two(2) dependent claims were cancelled (i.e., claims 22 and 23) and two(2) dependent claims were added (i.e., claims 42 and 43). Thus there is no fee for additional claims. Should that determination be incorrect, however, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 19-2105, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should any issues or formal matters remain, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner Estrada call Terrence Brown at (703) 684-5600 to arrange a telephone or personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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